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been inserted:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 26 with prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A test device for use in automated testing apparatus comprising: a substrate of size and shape suitable for handling by said automated testing apparatus, and including at least one indentation or aperture wherein said indentation or aperture is a location, size and shape suited for access by said automatic testing apparatus; and further comprising supportative material mounted on at least a part of said substrate so as to be at least partially position over said indentation or aperture; and wherein said supportative material comprises a guide means comprising a sample deposition portion and attached thereto a channel portion, said channel portion including an indicator means arranged therein at a predetermined distance away from said sample deposition portion; wherein the positioning of a sample to

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be tested on said sample deposition portion of said supportive material results in said sample travelling along said channel portion and interacting with said indicator means so as to provide a measure of the adequacy of the fluid sample collected.

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6. (Twice Amended) A test device according to Claim 1 comprising a holding means, wherein the handling of said test device by automated apparatus is facilitated.

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8. (Amended) A test device according to Claim 7 wherein said hydrophobic material is latex or wax.

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11. (Twice Amended) A test device according to Claim 1 wherein said indicator means is impregnated with, or cross-linked to, or coated onto, at least a part of at least one surface of said supportative material.

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17. (Twice Amended) A test d vice according to Claim 1 wherein said supportive material is provided with colourmetric

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28 and/or fluorometric and/or luminometric and/or radiometric  
indicator means wherein fluid samples may be analysed.

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19. (Twice Amended) A test kit comprising a combination of  
the test device according to claim 1 with a pouch that is of a  
size and shape of the test device.

20. (Amended) A test kit according to Claim 19  
further comprising a desiccant.

21. (Amended) A test kit according to Claim 20  
wherein said desiccant comprises at least a part of at least one  
surface of said test kit.

22. (Amended) A test kit according to Claims 20 or 21  
wherein said desiccant is provided on an inner surface of said  
test kit.

23. (Twice Amended) A test kit according to Claim 20  
wherein said desiccant is provided on a surface of the test kit

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which is so sized and shaped so that when the test device is inserted into the test kit the supportive material contained in the test device is opposite, or adjacent, the desiccant.

24. (Twice Amended) A test kit according to Claim 20 wherein said desiccant comprises silica gel.

25. (Twice Amended) A test kit according to Claim 19 wherein at least a part of an outer surface is made from impervious material.

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27. (Amended) A test kit according to Claim 25 comprising a means for obtaining a sample.

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29. (Amended) A test kit according to Claim 18-25 comprising instructions and/or a bar code for identifying

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31. (Amended) A method for confirming the adequacy of a collected fluid sample using the test device according to Claim 1-18, comprising;

(i) providing a substrate of a suitable size and shape, and including at least one indentation or aperture is of a predetermined location, size and shape so as to facilitate handling by an automated testing apparatus; and further comprising a supportative material mounted on at least a part of said substrate so as to be at least partially positioned over said indentation or aperture; wherein said supportative material comprises a guide means comprising a sample deposition portion, and a channel portion attached thereto including an indicator means;

(ii) placing a fluid sample on said sample deposition portion and allowing said fluid sample to fill and/or permeate into said channel portion;